

**Elizabeth Hathaway "Liz" Ims (ne Bourns)**

Elizabeth Hathaway "Liz" Ims (ne Bourns) passed away on Oct. 2, 2014, in Venice, Florida, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Mrs. Ims was 73 years old. She is survived by her husband J. Robert "Bob" Ims; her daughter Jennifer (Stone) Goetz, son-in-law Gregory, grandson Grant (Max) and granddaughter Lily, all of Brockton, Massachusetts; her son Matthew Stone, daughter-in-law Joanna (Heath) and granddaughters Katherine and Margaret, all of Canton, Connecticut; her brother Gordon Bourns and sister-in-law Mary Ellen of The Villages, Florida; her sister Nancy Bourns of Menlo Park, California; and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. Mrs. Ims was predeceased by her parents Edward "Red" Bourns and Frances (Crane) Bourns, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and her sister Barbara Bourns, of San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Ims was born on Feb. 6, 1941, in Rahway, New Jersey, and grew up in Westfield. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1958, attended Green Mountain College in Vermont, and graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School. In 1977 Liz settled in Duxbury and made many incredible lifelong friends there. She loved to sing and was a member of a local Sweet Adelines chorus for a short time. An active member of the Duxbury Garden Club, she won numerous ribbons from the Garden Club Federation of America for flower arrangements and cut flowers from her garden.

Her passion for gardening led her to pursue a certificate in Landscape Design from Radcliffe and she enjoyed working for various landscape designers over the years. When she and Bob married in 2004 and subsequently moved to Florida, she achieved certification as a Master Gardener from the American Horticultural Society, and through that program-helped landscape several Habitats for Humanity homes. Mrs. Ims loved to travel, and did so extensively, from ski bumming in Austria in 1965 to the trip of a lifetime with Bob to Australia/New Zealand/ Fiji just before her diagnosis in 2012. In Florida, Liz enjoyed playing Mahjongg, quilting and raising orchids.

Private services will be held in Venice and Duxbury. Donations in Mrs. Ims's name may be made to the American Cancer Society.